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NEW DEAN'S LIST

by Jeff Zager

In an effort to make the demerit system more rewarding the Dean of Discipline, Dr. Crowell, has recently initiated the Dean's List. According to Dr. Crowell, the Dean's List is an attempt to reward those who work well within the system but have not received other forms of recognition. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must have received no demerits during the 1977-78 school year. In addition, students must not be on academic or Honor Council probation. If a student receives five or more disciplinary demerits, it is found to be failing any of his courses, or is convicted of an Honor Code violation, his name will be removed from the Dean's List. He will, therefore, lose all privileges previously granted.

Those who qualify for the Dean's List receive a number of

privileges. First, these students are granted a full lunch period each day. Second, each student on the list receives one free study hall period, regardless of whether or not he is on the Privilege List. Finally, and most importantly, each student on the Dean's List receives the satisfaction of knowing that his behavior within the confines of the demerit system is recognized and rewarded.

The new Dean's List will be re-evaluated at the end of the first semester for the upper school, at which time eligible students from the junior school will be added. Thus far, students in the junior school have been rewarded on a homeroom basis. It is hoped that the re-evaluation will recognize a larger number of students and reward them, for it is the intention of the Dean's List to provide incentive for good behavior.

STEREO RETURNS

by Warren Coleman

For the first time in two years, students who are on the Privilege List and the new Dean's List may now enjoy a new addition to the Trophy Room, a stereo recently donated by sophomore Chris Stephens. It will be remembered that the previous stereo was stolen. Mr. Drake agreed to the idea of installing another stereo in the Trophy Room so long as the level of the volume does not become excessively loud and thus disturb classes in the Ball Building. Furthermore, he stated that privileged students would lose the right of

the stereo if this privilege were abused by turning the volume up too loudly.

Although some students have complained about their inability to study in this room, many have expressed very favorable comments on the stereo. In relaxing after a trying day of school, they can converse and enjoy the music with their friends. Thus, it seems that for many students the stereo will be a welcome addition, and it is hoped by the faculty that the students will honor the responsibility placed upon them to utilize the stereo in an orderly fashion.



EARLY DECISIONS

Bruce Campbell	Vanderbilt
Jay Dempsey	U. of Pennsylvania
Ross Evans	Vanderbilt
Erich Groos	Princeton
Karl Schnelle	Vanderbilt
Rick Seay	Vanderbilt
Tad Wert	Vanderbilt
Jeff Zager	Vanderbilt



FALL TAPPING FOR TOTOMOI

On December 14, Erich Groos, aided by 1977 graduate Mickey Tune (not pictured), tapped Rick Seay (left) and Bruce Campbell (right) for membership in TOTOMOI, MBA's honor fraternity.

MBA GROUP ENJOYS FALL TRIP TO NEW YORK

by Karl Schnelle

During the third weekend in November, the Montgomery Bell Academy visit to New York took place. Mrs. Louise LeQuire arranged all the details of the trip. According to her, the primary purpose of the journey was "to see the art museums and to go the Broadway plays." This plan was certainly accomplished as the eight boys, Mrs. LeQuire, Mrs. Frances Lentz, and Mr. Laird Smith did indeed tour many famous museums and see two plays.

On Thursday afternoon, November 16, everyone left Nashville and arrived at LaGuardia later that night. The lighted city seen from the air overwhelmed all the Nashvillians. After a bus ride into Manhattan to the Empire Hotel, most of the travelers took a walk around the area. The following morning the group walked across Central Park and up Fifth Avenue to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, where it saw the special exhibits "The Treasures of Dresden" and "The Temple of Dendur". Most of Friday morning was filled with this immense museum, and Sat-

urday morning the Whitney Museum of American Art and the Frick Collection were seen. These two art museums are smaller but just as interesting as the Metropolitan.

Friday and Saturday afternoons and all Sunday were free for sightseeing. The group split up and went to different parts of the city. The main attractions of Manhattan were seen by practically everyone. The Empire State Building was extremely interesting, especially the observation deck at night. The lights of New York could be seen for miles around. Even more spectacular were the twin towers of the World Trade Center. This observation deck was much higher, cleaner, and more modern than that of the Empire State Building. Also, the Wall Street area and the Stock Exchange were toured, as was Greenwich Village. Mr. Smith, being a former resident of the Village area, returned to visit his old neighborhood, saw his favorite shops, and reminisced in Washington Square. Mrs. LeQuire and Mrs. Lentz went to the New York City Ballet at Lincoln center, expect-

ing to see Mikhail Baryshnikov. Even though he did not appear on stage that day, they did enjoy the performance. Mrs. LeQuire also visited the studio of Red Grooms. Other worthwhile sights included the Museum of Modern Art, Rockefeller Center, the United Nations, the Brew Burgers, and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Many fascinating, well-known stores were found in the Fifth Avenue and Madison Avenue areas.

On Friday and Saturday nights two plays were seen by the entire group. "Annie" was the first play attended, and the production was followed by an excellent dinner at Mama Leone's. The following night, most of the group saw the Broadway production "Chorus Line", although the four seniors in the group managed to get tickets for "Beatlemania" on Broadway. All three productions were well-received by those who attended.

The return flight was on time in Nashville, and all had a wonderful time getting the most out of the New York experience. The trip was a complete success and enjoyed by all.

CHORUS PERFORMS WELL AT CHRISTMAS

by Rick Seay

After an absence of one year, the Christmas program of the MBA chorus returned this year with several highly commendable performances. Under the direction of Mr. Gerald Arthur, the group started work on its program in early October in the Audio-Visual Room of the Patrick Wilson Library. Musical selections chosen for this year included everything from traditional to folk to Broadway carols. The chorus got off to a very good start, but because of

poor attendance by members in November, progress slowed down. As performance times neared, however, members began to realize the importance and necessity of good attendance. Each section had at least one individual rehearsal, and the whole group had to meet for one night practice.

The first two performances, at Harpeth Hall and Ensworth schools, were passable but did not reach the level of professionalism to which the chorus has accustomed its audiences to date.

Performances, at Westminster Presbyterian Church and St. Bernard Academy, however, saw the chorus in prime form. The performance at MBA on Friday, December 15, was somewhat disappointing, but in the final performance at St. Cecilia, the response was great. The group received a standing ovation, an "encore" call, and an invitation to have hot chocolate with the girls. Overall, this season's performances were laudable and promising for the chorus' future endeavors in the spring.



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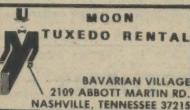
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In the December issue of THE BELL RINGER, two National Merit Semifinalists who were unable to be included in the photograph on page two had their names inadvertently left out of the caption accompanying the photograph. These students are John Beasley and David Lyle. THE BELL RINGER wishes to apologize for omitting their names. We are extremely

proud of the twelve Merit Semifinalists representing MBA this year.

In the same issue, in our article on the Microbe Cross Country Team, we neglected to mention that Philip Young was the Captain of the team. We wish to express again our congratulations to Philip and all the members of the team on a fine season.



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DANCES ENJOYED BY ALL

HOMECOMING DANCE

by Bob Dale and Scott Riegie

The Big Red Club, in accordance with its fine efforts of the past, put on another successful Homecoming Dance this year, the sounds of the band "Luv 'n Height" reverberated throughout Brownlee O. Currey Gymnasium, causing major disco efforts by the students (and teachers) present. Through the assistance of the faculty, the Big Red Club came very close to breaking even for the night.

Fired up and high in spirits, the students still managed to restrain themselves so that the evening ended without incident. The parking lot, a scene of action in the past, was kept under close surveillance by the omnipresent eye of the Crowd Patrol. Many thanks are due the faculty members who served as chaperones, without whom the dance could not have been held. Our apologies are extended to Mrs. Hollins who, through some chance misunderstanding, failed to be picked up by her "date" and was therefore not present.

Tickets sold by the office and cheerleaders provided most of the income, although a few students showed their financial genius by taking a chance on paying extra cash at the door. The dance got off to a slow start with a large part of the students showing up about 9:30,

but as the night wore on the dance had a good reception. As the band ceased its playing and cars sped off to various and sundry predetermined locations, another Homecoming weekend was complete.

WINTER DANCE

by Eric Fenichel

As a new tradition on the Hill, the Senior class decided to hold MBA's First Annual Senior-Sponsored Winter Dance. The dance was slated for December 2 in order to provide some diversion from school life before Christmas break. In order to assure a good turnout, each senior was asked to sell three tickets to underclassmen. The system proved successful, for during the week before the dance one could see several seniors harassing seventh graders to buy their last tickets. The Senior class was able to cover almost enough money to cover the costs of the dance, which made the event financially feasible.

The band for the dance was "Jimmy Church," a southern confederation band playing most area colleges. The band proved to be one of the best ever, comparing even to the performance of the band at last year's prom. It often seemed as if the members of the band were having a better time than the students, as at times they became more of a visual attraction than a musical one.

The gymnasium was decorated to fit the Christmas spirit, with an authentic Christmas tree and a replica of Santa's front door for the picture backdrop. Over one-hundred fifty couples filled the gym as representatives from every class demonstrated their disco styles. There were the Junior School Jump, the Freshman Fly, the Sophomore Scrub, the Junior Jam, and the Senior Slide. Of course, there were also individual standouts when the band went into its halfhour rendition of "Brick House." Trey Alford gave his performance of "Elvis, We'll Always Love You," and other couples were called to the front to demonstrate individual dancing techniques. The band leader, who had an uncanny resemblance to Otis Day, asked several members of the audience if they were Brick Houses. Erich Gross was quick to announce that he thought that he was.

The band ended the night with "Shout," but many couples never got off the floor after "a little bit softer now." The dance was a huge success, and the event promises to become a deep-seated tradition. The entire Senior class, especially the class officers, should be commended for its efforts in making the event so successful. The dance was a welcome respite from the pressures of school, and the student body looks forward to similar events for the remainder of the school year.

JUNIOR CLASS PREPARES FOR PROM

by Warren Coleman

Following in the footsteps of last year's Junior class, this year's eleventh-graders, under the leadership of President Phillip Altenbern and class advisor Dr. Crowell, are presently raising money for this spring's Senior Prom. Begun a mere two years ago, the Prom has quickly become an MBA tradition and has been enjoyed by many students and friends of the school. Although the Prom is tentatively scheduled for May 4, the Junior class is already well on the way to raising all the money for this expensive project.

The sale of candy bars has been an important part in this fund-raising project, and the juniors expect to raise \$1200, the cost of the band, from this source alone, a substantial amount of the total cost. Also,

the class officers have attempted to sell Anway Household products by sending letters home to the parents, explaining the need for money and including sales brochures. President Altenbern expects about \$200 profit to be collected. Furthermore, Moon Tuxedo Rental has tentatively agreed to contribute \$1500 if all the seniors will rent their tuxedos from Moon's. Another \$600 will come from the sale of tickets at the door and thus will help to comprise an aggregate sum of about \$3500. Although many juniors have turned in their candy money, the actual total remains unknown at press time.

Because of the students' good participation in raising money, President Altenbern feels that this spring's Prom will be even better than those of previous years.

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SPAGHETTI SUPPER A HUGE SUCCESS

by Bill Galloway

Friday, October 20, at 5:00 p.m., the first of many hungry people arrived to eat the delicious spaghetti which is a tradition on Homecoming night. By the end of the supper, about 2,800 alumni, students, faculty, parents, and friends of the school had been served. With the raffle ticket sales, the total amount of profit from Homecoming night was about \$12,000. Last year the money made on the Spaghetti Supper was all put back into school activities, as it will be this year. The money is generally used to finance trips by various clubs. Last year, the Ladies Auxiliary, which organizes and operates the Spaghetti Supper, sent the art students to the Webb School Spring Festival, in addition to financing many trips by the debate team. The curtains for the stage in Wallace Hall were

replaced; carpeting was replaced around the school; and the school's van was insured. These are just a few examples of the Ladies Auxiliary's generosity to MBA.

In the hard-fought ticket competition, the seventh grade was first, the tenth grade was second, the eleventh grade was third. The eighth and ninth grades were fourth and fifth, respectively, while the seniors, breaking a tradition of excellent salesmanship, were in last place. Seventh-grade French McKnight was the top salesman for the whole competition. Mrs. Harold P. Caldwell, Mrs. W.I. Edwards (co-chairman), Mrs. Charles Gill (ticket chairman), Mrs. Carroll Shanks (ticket co-chairman), and all the ladies who helped them deserve many thanks for yet another successful Spaghetti Supper.

SERVICE CLUB AIDS MBA

by Ross Evans

The Service Club is an organization which is composed of twenty-four members from the sophomore, junior, and senior classes. Every fall, new members are chosen. This year the new sophomores are Scott Tune, Kris Klausner, Mike Johnson, and Brian Nicholson; juniors are Ricky Bowers, Jack Coombs, Tom Moore, and Damon Anagnos; new senior members are Trey Alford, Chris Crow, Craig Steward, and Russ Freeman. Under the sponsor-

ship of Mr. Bennett, the club aids the school and the Nashville community through different activities.

This year, the club has ushered at football games, taken up tickets at the basketball and wrestling functions, and sponsored the collection of canned goods and clothing at Christmas for St. Luke's. Another Christmas activity included caroling for the Fannie Battle Day Home. The devotion of the club is very strong, and the outlook for the rest of the year is very promising.

WRESTLERS ENJOY IMPROVED SEASON

by Mark Frost
and Tim Warnock

Thusfar, the 1978-79 Varsity Wrestling team has posted a dual match record of 0-4 and has placed in two of three invitational tournaments. The team opened its season by dropping a close match to Antioch on the home mat. The same week, the Big Red travelled to Bellevue only to be defeated again by a very close score. The next morning the team drove to Chattanooga to participate in the biggest invitation in the state, the Chattanooga City Invitational. The team failed to place in a field of twenty teams; however, impressive performances were seen by senior co-captain Mark Frost at 145 lbs. who placed second and received the "Best Match" award for his performance in the finals match. Also, Sophomore Don Brothers at 98 lbs. junior co-captain Tim Warnock placed second in the tournament by losing in a very tough match to Overton's Tim Garrett. Warnock and Garrett received the "Best Match" award for their performance in the close finals match. Senior Bobby Huddleston placed fourth at 132 lbs.

lbs. wrestled well against the toughest competition in the State but failed to place in the tournament.

Two more dual match losses added to the MBA record as the next week brought close defeats by McGavock and Father Ryan on the home mat. Again on the following weekend, the Big Red participated in another tourney, the John Overton Invitational. Placing 3 wrestlers in the finals, the Big Red emerged with two individual champs, Mark Frost at 145 lbs. and Don Brothers at 98 lbs. Junior co-captain Tim Warnock placed second in the tournament by losing in a very tough match to Overton's Tim Garrett. Warnock and Garrett received the "Best Match" award for their performance in the close finals match. Senior Bobby Huddleston placed fourth at 132 lbs.

Thoroughly exhausted from two solid weeks of wrestling,

the coaches and team had a week off before Christmas to recuperate and solve the problems caused by weak upper weights. The lack of experience in all of MBA's weight classes had added to the team's close losses and poor tournament showings. As expected, this year is a rebuilding year for the Big Red wrestling program. A possible solution to the Big Red's lack of toughness came in the form of a two-a-day schedule of practices for the remainder of the Christmas holidays. These two-a-day practices improved the Big Red's weak position somewhat. The proof of these slight improvements lies in the team's winning performances in the Bellevue Invitational and the Dupont dual match. The coaches and grapplers hope to improve their record and gain needed experience by the end of the 1978-79 season.

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SOCER TEAM IMPROVING GREATLY

by David Puett

The 1978-79 Varsity Soccer Team, under the leadership of Mr. John Lanier, opened its season on November 28 with a 3-2 victory over St. Andrews. After winning this away game, the team moved home where it captured its second win over University School on December 5. Two days later, the team stretched its record to 3 and 0 with a home victory against Overton. In the next game, however, this initial winning streak came to an end when the team fought to a 1-1 tie with rival BGA on December 11. During the next match against Dupont, the inexperience of this year's squad, which has only two returning starters from last year's state-championship team (David Duke and Lawson Fort), showed itself as the team suffered its first loss with a score of 3-5. Two days later, the team traveled to Sewanee where it battled to a scoreless tie with a very strong, controlled Franklin County High School team. After regulation play and after a ten minute overtime period, the score remained 0-0. Then the Big Red brought its record to 3 wins, 1 loss and 2 ties. The

soccer team then looked for a victory against Hillsboro in the final game before the Christmas holiday break; these hopes were, however, weakened when Hillsboro was the first to score with a goal in the first few minutes of play. Finally, in the latter part of the game, the Big Red began threatening and scored the tying goal with about ten minutes to play. In these last minutes, the team had many very close shots on goal but just could not convert for the score. When time ran out, the score remained 1-1 and ended in this manner when the Hillsboro coach elected not to play overtime. With this tie, the soccer team ended its first period of the season with an inconclusive 3-1-3 record.

This year's squad is composed of 24 members representing each of the four high-school grades. Nevertheless, the team is led, for the most part, by the play of seniors returning from last year's squad. Offensively, the team is led by the speed and power of right wing David Duke and the control of center halfback Lawson Fort, while Tom Stumb, playing the sweeper position (just in front of the

goalie) leads the defense. Scotty Wallace's aggressive play at right halfback provides the needed support and control in center field. In addition to David Duke, the other forwards on this year's team are David Peterseim, along with Ian Jones, a center forward and David Puett, Blake Strayhorn, and Joe Hymel at left wing. Other halfbacks include Jody Johnson, Bob Watson, Terry Cashion, Pat Burns, and Chuck Huddleston. Furthermore, the diamond defense, composed of seniors Tom Stumb, Jeff Robinson, Scott Riegler, Tom Rose, and Chris Crow, juniors Christian Currey and Scott Glascock, and sophomores Adam Wiek and Joe Bryan, provides the necessary support for the two goalies, junior Rucker Betty and senior Bob Dale.

Due to the fact that the team lost nine of its eleven starters from last year's championship squad, this is, in the words of Mr. Lanier, a "rebuilding year" for the soccer team. However, the Big Red did begin the season strongly, giving up only one loss, and looks forward to continuing this success in the coming months.

ATTRACTIVE TRADITION MAINTAINED

by Mark Frost

This year, for the second year in a row, the Big Red Wrestling team has been graced by the presence of MBA Wrestling Cheerleaders. These seven matmaids accompany the team on their outings at dual matches

and tournaments and cheer for victory. Especially at long, boring tournaments, these girls contribute to an improved morale of the team. This year's cheerleaders are: senior Sarah Phythyon; juniors Laura Richardson and Susan McAdams; and young sophomore twins Suzanne and Mary Richardson.

RIFLE CLUB

by Bob Dale

The MBA rifle team is on its way to another championship season after winning its first two matches with ease. Six shooters return from last year's team—Bill Herbert, Ashley Hill, Andy Gill, Bob Dale, Trey McPherson, and Tim Ayers. New members of the rifle team are Steve Stevens, David Ingram, Rick Sullivan, Rob Lineburger, and Jim Russell. The team competes with other NIL schools at the Vanderbilt ROTC Rifle Range on Saturday afternoons. Later this winter, the Big Red marksmen will compete in a 4-position national match in which MBA has always done well in past years. With increasing interest in rifle competition, as evidenced by the large crowd of tryouts for the team, the MBA rifle team stands a good chance of continuing its dominance in this sport as new talent is discovered annually.

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MICROBE SPORTS NEWS

by Todd Helm

This year's Microbe Wrestling Team started its season with a serious handicap. Only nine of last year's wrestlers were returning. In spite of this, the team completed the season with a 5-3 record. The team had wins over BGA, Page, Brentwood, Franklin, and Nashville Christian. In the Harpeth Valley Tournament, the microbes finished fifth. Leading the team were Scott Albright and Mike Laws, both of whom captured first-place trophies. Finishing fourth in this tournament were Todd Helm, Somer Mishu, and John Levy.

The team was coached by Mr. Williams, Mr. Gaither, and Jerry Patterson. It is to be hoped that next year's team will see more participation from

eighth-graders. The team looks forward to an even better season next year.

SOCER

by Andrew Schenker

The Microbe soccer team ended its season with a 5-2-2 record. Among the starters for the team were Currey Hall, David Maddux, Davidson French, Gill Heagy, Mark Robinson, Allan Wheatcroft, Andrew Schenker, Bobby Enkman, Chris Guzikowski, David Jenkins, Jeff Edwards, and Walt Zibas.

The team finished in second place, behind Northside. Many improvements were made from last year, and many more will be made next year. The team was coached by Mr. Lanier.



Seen in this picture are basketball players Bill Bomar, David Pack, and Ricky Bowers. Under the direction record of 4 and 5, a great improvement over last year's team. (Complete story to follow in next issue.)

SUPERMAN RETURNS

by Tad Wert

A sure bet for one of this year's biggest Hollywood successes is *Superman*. Certainly word conjures up images of a flabby guy with very fake visual effects. *Superman—the Movie*, however, is a very pleasant surprise, and as much fun to watch as *Star Wars*.

The biggest plus in this movie is the visual effects. Believe it or not *Superman*, (Chris Reeves) really does look like he's flying. When his home-planet Krypton is destroyed, the chaos and destruction is very real.

Superman isn't all fancy effects, though. There are some really funny moments such as when a teen-age Clark Kent races a train home from school or when Clark the "mild-mannered" reporter can't find a phone booth in which to change clothes.

The plot is very simple but is a good basis for many feats of strength. Lex Luthor, a crimi-

nal mastermind, is working on a fantastic land-fraud scheme until Superman finds out about it. Then there follows a race with time that has the audience on the edge of its seats.

Chris Reeves is excellent as Superman. His resemblance to the comic strip character is remarkable. He does a great job of portraying the strong, virtuous, and fearless Superman one minute, and then the meek, humble, and timid Clark Kent, the next. Reeves doesn't let his Superman character be to much of an idiot; he manages to make him very human and believable, especially in Superman's relationship with Lois Lane.

All in all, *Superman* is a really entertaining movie, in the same vein as *Star Wars*. Filming has already begun on a sequel to this movie, so we can look forward to more adventures of this great character. In the meantime, don't miss this chance to see one of the best films of 1979.

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